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Dear Sol:

May I use this letter to introduce Mr. Robert E. Wright, who is a graduate student working here. Wright began his studies in Biochemistry, with a problem in yeast fermentation, but became more interested in genetic aspects and is continuing his research accordingly.

Wright will be visiting Urbana this weekend (on the 29th). I would appreciate your extending your usual cordiality when he visits the laboratory. He would be particularly interested to watch Ethelga's routine at ascus dissection, a little of which will (unfortunately) be necessary for his problem. I already called hereto find out whether she would be in, since time was so short. I hope his brief visit will not discommode anyone.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg

CC: RFW

P.S. I hear you are really going to take leave for a time to go to Israel. I hope that works out well for you. Do you think anyone would have any trouble distinguishing us, Sol? I ask because I keep hearing rumors to the effect I will be away on a sabbatical (I wish U/W had such a thing!) next year, the most specific rumors naming Israel. One fellow in London, for example, retracted an application he had submitted to work here on that account.

P.P.S. I have to concede that you and Otto did a fine job for Ann. Rev. Micr. How did you get them to allow you the necessary space? I was all set to blast them (again) for seducing researchers into becoming card-collectors. But I still have to ask you whether you think (now) the job was worth the effort to you. That is, don't you think it would be more worth while if researchers wrote more interpretively on narrower topics, and left the compilation jobs to the librarians? Your own article may be an answer

to that question; last year's volume had provoked me to it (in a book review),  
but what do you think about it now?

J.